MISS DROWN.—I move, first, that the American Federation of Nurses withdraw its membership in the National Council of Women of the United States.

Seconded by Miss Giles and Miss Maxwell and carried.

MISS NUTTING.—The next question is the one which was brought up a moment ago, and that is the acceptance of the invitation of the International Council of Nurses to the American Federation of Nurses to affiliate with that body.

MISS SAMUEL.—I move that the American Federation of Nurses accept the invitation to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses.

Seconded by Mrs. Quintard and carried.

MISS NUTTING.—There is one other matter, and that is the fact already referred to that we have had no form of government, and that a loosely organized thing is very liable to fall to pieces if there is not something to bind it together. Therefore, those who have been considering the matter felt that the very simplest and briefest form of a constitution should be adopted by the Federation, and such a form of constitution has been drawn up to present to you to-day. The question is, shall it be presented°

MISS MCISAAC.—I move that the constitution as prepared be presented to the society.

Seconded by Miss Goodrich.

Miss Nutting read the constitution as prepared.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES

"I. The *name* of this body shall be the 'American Federation of Nurses.'

"II. Its *purpose* shall be to enter into organized relations with national councils or associations of nurses in other countries.

"III. Its *officers* shall be the active officers of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses, and of the Nurses' Associated Alumnæ, and of any other affiliated association. They shall choose their own chairman, to be known as president of the American Federation of Nurses, a secretary, and a treasurer, and shall appoint such committees and sub-committees as are necessary.

"IV. The *duties of officers* shall be to do all that is necessary in maintaining and developing organized relations with nurses of other countries, and to act upon all matters referred to the Federation by the affiliating societies.

"V. The *fees* of each affiliating society shall be fifteen dollars a year, payable on September 1."

MISS MCISAAC.—I move that the constitution be accepted as read.

Seconded by Miss Goodrich and carried.

MRS. ROBB.—I want to say just one more word in regard to my paper. I may not be broad-minded enough, but it did seem to me that when I was preparing my paper that it properly belonged to the Society of Superintendents, because while we all are interested as a profession in the results of affiliation,

it seems to me that the actual work, the actual taking in hand, lies with the Society of Superintendents, whose object in their constitution so definitely deals with educational problems.

MISS DAVIS.—Might I ask, then, that if this committee that is to be formed should be formed by the Superintendents' Society or from this affiliated society?

MRS. ROBB.—I had just one other idea about it. The Society of Superintendents has already a Committee on Education, and I thought possibly you might in some way refer it to that committee.

MISS DAVIS.—I thought that you took a vote and that a committee should be appointed here to-day from this society and look into this matter further.

MISS NUTTING.—Such a motion has been made and voted upon and a committee is to be appointed by the president of this association for that purpose, but I believe that there is nothing so rigid or no vote that cannot be reconsidered by the people who have already made it.

MRS. ROBB.—May I ask how often this society is to meet?

MISS NUTTING.—The American Federation of Nurses meets when the International Council of Nurses meets, once in five years. I am quite clear that it would be constitutional for this society to reconsider at the present meeting any vote or resolution adopted.

MISS MCMILLAN.—I move that we reconsider the vote as to the president appointing a committee to consider an international scheme of education.

Seconded by Miss Isaac and lost.

MISS MCKECHNIE.—In view of the struggles of the English nurses in obtaining recognition in their own country, I would like to make a motion that this association of the American Federation of Nurses extend to the British nurses some expressions of sympathy in their struggle for freedom and their efforts at legalized protection by the State. It is as follows:

"WHEREAS, British nurses in their struggle for independence and legalized State protection have won the admiration and sympathy of all American nurses by their courageous, dignified, and continued efforts; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That the American Federation of Nurses, constituting as it does the result of the united efforts of women in this country, extend to them our sincere sympathy and the assurance of our expectation of their ultimate success.

"MARY W. MCKECHNIE, Charter Member, Superintendents' Society.

"MARY M. RIDDLE, President Associated Alumnæ.

"SOPHIA F. PALMER, Editor THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING."

Seconded by Miss Greenwood and unanimously carried.

MISS ALLINE.—I take pleasure in presenting to you the resolution prepared by the committee appointed at the meeting last evening:

"WHEREAS, The purity of the food consumed is a vital question of the physical well-being of humanity; and

"WHEREAS, Our primary consideration is the prevention, as well as the alleviation, of suffering; and

"WHEREAS, The International Pure Food Association is striving for legal enactment to control the adulteration and misbranding of all products intended for human consumption; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the American Federation of Nurses assembled in Wash-

ington, this third day of May, 1905, hereby record their endorsement of such action.

"ANNA L. ALLINE, Chairman, Instructor in Hospital Economics, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York,

"LUCY L. DROWN, Superintendent of Nurses, Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.,

"SOPHIA F. PALMER, Editor THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, 247 Brunswick Street, Rochester, N. Y.,

"Committee on Resolutions."

On motion of Miss Dolliver, this resolution was adopted.

MISS NUTTING.—Now I will ask you to remain a few moments, probably not more than two or three, while Miss McIsaac, the president of the Board of Directors of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, says a few words to you about that JOURNAL, and before she does I would like to state that in a recent English paper the JOURNAL OF NURSING was very favorably commented on, and it was stated that it was probably the best edited professional journal of any kind in the world.

MISS CARR.—I move that this association of the two united societies here present extend its congratulations and vote of thanks to Mrs. Robb for the long, unwearied work she has given in behalf of both societies generally.

Seconded by Miss Goodrich and carried.

MRS. ROBB.—I must just say a few words of response and thanks for this generous and unexpected appreciation of any work that I may have done. I can only just say this to you, that we are only as strong as our weakest link, and at the first meeting of the Associated Alumnæ Miss Dolliver said that it depended upon the effort of every single member as to how strong, how forceful, we might be in our association. I can assure you I have not any special ability to boast of; I wish I might have; I feel the limitations of it all the time, but I have honestly tried to give my single effort towards the betterment of the whole condition, and that is all anyone of us can do.

MISS MCISAAC.—I would like to move a resolution of cordial thanks to the one who has done double duty for both societies this week, I mean Miss Nevins.

Seconded by Miss Palmer and carried.

MISS NUTTING.—I have extreme pleasure in putting that before you. No one knows but those who have been closely connected with her for the past few months and have seen what it means to have in hand the preparation for two conventions what work she has done; she deserves your most hearty thanks as president of the one and as chairman of the Programme Committee of the other. Those who thank Miss Nevins will please do it by rising.

Vote unanimous.

MISS MCISAAC.—I just want one minute to speak about the JOURNAL. I want to say that these two societies, which are now one, have an official organ,—I think some of you don't know it,—and that organ is THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and we have made provision so that you may have an opportunity to subscribe for it if you have not already done so. We have a representative here, and you may all of you subscribe if you have not already done so.

MISS MAXWELL.—I have been selected to present the needs of Miss Hibbard at Panama. Miss Hibbard is in charge of the nurses there and has requested me to interest you nurses in sending to her authorized nurses of good quality and fitted to undertake the work there in a satisfactory way. She would like to have them certified to by our superintendents or members of the Associated Alumnæ. I believe the civil service examination is soon to come into effect, and she hopes that the good nurses who can be recommended in this part of the country can go before that is made absolute. She begs me to say that now they pay sixty dollars instead of fifty dollars for services in that department, and she would like very much the help of both societies in that work.

Mrs. Robb took the chair.

MISS CARR.—I move that we place a resolution before the house of a vote of thanks to Miss Nutting.

Seconded by Miss McIsaac and carried unanimously.

Meeting declared adjourned.